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1142 MOSCOW- FEB. 8--(IN)--THE RUSSIAN SUPREME SOVIET (PARLIAMENT)
WILL RECEIVE A REPORT TODAY FROM THE GOVERNMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION.
DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS HAVE SPECULATED EVER SINCE THIS SESSION
OF THE PARLIAMENT WAS SUMMONED HASTILY THAT IMPORTANT POLICY
DECLARATIONS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WERE FORCOMING.
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1143 EXCLUSIVE -- ZHUKOV

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MOSCOW- FEB. 8--(AP)--SOVIET MARSHAL GEORGE ZHUKOV- FIRST
DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER AND COMMANDER OF THE RED ARMY IN THE FINAL
ALLIED DEFEAT OF NAZI GERMANY- TOLD WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST- JR.-
TODAY IT WAS HIS "DREAM" TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES SOME DAY.
ZHUKOV SAID THE TIME WAS NOT RIFE FOR SUCH A VISIT NOW.
IN THE FIRST EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW HE HAS EVER GRANTED- ZHUKOV
SPOKE WARMLY OF HIS FRIENDSHIP FOR GEN. EISENHOWER. EISENHOWER
ZHUKOV PARRIED THE QUESTION WHETHER- IF HE WERE THE SUPREME
ALLIED COMMANDER IN EUROPE- HE WOULD COMBAT A GERMAN MILITARY
CONTRIBUTION ESSENTIAL TO MAKE WESTERN EUROPE DEFENSIBLE.
HE ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT AMERICAN MILITARY BASES AROUND RUSSIA.
NO EXPONDED SOVIET POLICY CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS.
RECKONING MR. EISENHOWER AS "A VERY FINE PERSON- THE MUSKY-
FORTHRIGHT- 66-YEAR OLD RUSSIAN MILITARY LEADER SAID.
"IN 1943- I HAD A TALK WITH GEN. EISENHOWER BEFORE HE LEFT GERMANY
FOR THE UNITED STATES.
HE EXCHANGED BEST WISHES AND GEN. EISENHOWER SAID THE UNITED
STATES WOULD NEVER ATTACK THE SOVIET UNION. ZHUKOV SAID THE UNITED
STATES SAID THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NEVER ATTACK THE UNITED STATES.
I CONSIDER I WAS NOT WRONG IN WHAT I SAID AND I HOPE GEN. EISENHOWER
WAS RIGHT IN WHAT HE SAID.
HE SPOKE AS SOLDIER AND SAW NO GROUNDS FOR WAR BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES. MY SIMPLE WISH IS TO SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONS
OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
"I KNOW OUR RELATIONS WILL GET BETTER. THEN I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO
VISIT THE UNITED STATES."
ZHUKOV- WHO WAS COMMANDER IN THE BATTLE OF MOSCOW WHEN HITLER'S
ARMIES SUFFERED THEIR FIRST STAGGERING SETBACK AND WHO FORMULATED
THE PLAN FOR THE DEFENSE OF STALINGRA- RECEIVED HEARST AT HIS OFFICE
IN THE SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTRY IN THE CENTER OF MOSCOW. ZHUKOV
WAS ALONE. (MORE) 220APL 15

1144 ADD ONE ZHUKOV COPYRIGHT (K.SMITH) MOSCOW XX ALONE.
THE AMERICAN PUBLISHER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FRANK CONNIFF- HIS
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT- AND THIS CORRESPONDENT.
A SOVIET JOURNALIST OFFICIAL- WHO HAS ACTED AS OUR GUIDE DURING
OUR VISIT TO MOSCOW- ALSO ACCOMPANIED US TO INTERPRET THE CONVERSATION.
ZHUKOV'S CHEST WAS BEDECKED WITH EIGHT ROWS OF MEDALS- TOPPED BY
THREE STARS REPRESENTING A TRIPLE AWARD OF HERO OF THE SOVIET UNION.
HE CAME FORWARD WITH A SMILE AND GREETED HEARST WARMLY.
DURING THE OPENING PART OF THE CONVERSATION ZHUKOV SAID HE OFTEN
REMINDED HIS FAMILIAR MEETINGS WITH GEN. EISENHOWER.
"I WAS INVITED TWICE BY GEN. EISENHOWER TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES.
I WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THOSE INVITATIONS. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY
DREAM TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES."
"BUT UNFORTUNATELY- CONDITIONS OF HEALTH AND LAST-MINUTE DEVELOP-
MENTS PREVENTED ME FROM GOING AT THE TIME RECEIVED THE INVITATIONS."
"I FEAR THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES PRESENTLY ARE NOT
QUITE SUITABLE FOR SUCH A VISIT- BUT I CERTAINLY HOPE TO GO SOME DAY.
"WE MUST ESTABLISH RELATIONS OF GOOD NEIGHBORS. AN EXCHANGE OF
MILITARY MISSIONS JUST NOW WOULD BE USELESS."
HE CALLED ZHUKOV'S ATTENTION TO THE BELIEF EXPRESSED BY MARSHAL OF
THE ROYAL AIR FORCE SIR JOHN SLESSOR THAT THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF
ANOTHER GREAT WAR BEING WAGED WITHOUT RECOURSE TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS
AND ASKED WHETHER THE SOVIET MARSHAL SHARED THIS VIEW.
ZHUKOV REPLIED:
"I THINK CONTRARILY. WE MUST PROHIBIT THE USE OF THESE WEAPONS.
WE MUST DO SO IN THE INTERESTS OF HUMANITY."
HE ASKED WHETHER HE DID NOT THINK THE PROHIBITION OF THESE NUCLEAR
WEAPONS WOULD TIP THE BALANCE OF MILITARY POWER IN FAVOR OF THE
SOVIET BLOC- ZHUKOV CAUTIOUSLY ANSWERED:
"FIRST OF ALL- WE DO NOT THINK WE HAVE ANY GREAT SUPERIORITY OF
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. IF ONE DOES NOT WISH TO LAUNCH NEW WARS- THERE
IS NO NEED FOR THESE (ATOMIC) WEAPONS." (MORE) 220APL 15

1145 ADD TWO ZHUKOV COPYRIGHT (K.SMITH) MOSCOW XX WEAPONS."
HEARST SAID MIGHT NOT THE POSSESSION OF THESE WEAPONS BY BOTH SIDES
SERVE AS A GUARANTEE OF PEACE AND AS ASSURANCE AGAINST ANYONE STARTING
ANYTHING?
ZHUKOV REPLIED THAT SO LONG AS NUCLEAR WEAPONS EXIST- "SOMEBODY-
SOME GRAY PERSON OR PEOPLE MIGHT USE SUCH WEAPONS. THE EXISTENCE
OF THESE WEAPONS IS VERY DANGEROUS FOR BOTH PARTIES.
"POSSESSION OF THESE WEAPONS BY BOTH SIDES WILL SIMPLY LEAD TO AN
ARMED RACE."
CONNIFF SAID ONE OF AMERICA'S GREAT GENERALS--DOUGLAS MACARTHUR--
EXPRESSED THE VIEW LONG AGO AND THAT POSSESSION BY BOTH SIDES OF ATOMIC
WEAPONS MAY RULE OUT A MAJOR WAR IN THE FUTURE.
ZHUKOV SAID HE COULD NOT AGREE WITH THIS.
THIS CORRESPONDENT RECALLED ONE ALBERT H. GRUENTHER- ATLANTIC
PACIFIC SUPREME COMMANDER- WAS AUTHORIZED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE
ATLANTIC PACT COUNCIL TO BASE DEFENSE PLANS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT
ATOMIC WEAPONS WOULD BE USED IF THERE SHOULD BE A MAJOR WAR.
HE ASKED WHETHER SOVIET DEFENSE PLANS WERE BASED ON THE SAME ASSUMP-
TION- ZHUKOV EVASIVELY A DIRECT ANSWER. HE SAID:
"IT IS BETTER THAT WE THINK LESS ABOUT WAR PLANS AND MORE ABOUT
AVOIDING WAR."
HE DID NOT SAY THE SOVIET HIGH COMMAND WAS NOT BASING ITS DEFENSE
PLANS ON THE SAME ASSUMPTI ON AS THAT OF SUPREME HEAD-QUARTERS-
ALLIED FORCES IN EUROPE.
ZHUKOV WENT ON TO QUOTE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS AN OLD RUSSIAN PROVERB-
THAT "A BAD PEACE IS BETTER THAN A GOOD WAR."
REVEALING THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ALL-POWERFUL CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY- ZHUKOV SAID HIS VIEWS ON THE DESIRAB-
ILITY OF IMPROVING RUSSO-AMERICAN RELATIONS REPRESENTED NOT ONLY
HIS PERSONAL OPINION- BUT ALSO THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY.
ZHUKOV EMPHASIZED THAT HIS SOVIET PEOPLE CONSIDER AMERICAN MILITARY
BASES A DIRECT THREAT TO THE SOVIET UNION AND ADDED THAT THE BEST PROOF
OF AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP WOULD BE WITHDRAWAL FROM BASES AROUND RUSSIA.
HE RECALLED THAT SVETLA S. GRUSHCHENKO- FIRST SECRETARY OF THE
SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY- IN AN INTERVIEW WITH HEARST LAST SATURDAY- HAD
RECOGNIZED THE RIGHT OF AMERICA TO DO WHAT IT FELT NECESSARY FOR ITS
OWN SECURITY. (MORE) 233APL 15

1146 ADD THREE ZHUKOV COPYRIGHT (K.SMITH) MOSCOW X X SECURITY.
ZHUKOV SAID HE DID NOT THINK AMERICAN BASES IN EUROPE WERE NECESSARY
FOR DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES.
HE POINTED OUT THAT THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE ATLANTIC PACT WAS
COMMITTED TO HELP DEFEND ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES AS WELL AS ITSELF.
ZHUKOV REPLIED:
"YOU ARE BOUND TO JUSTIFY YOUR POINT OF VIEW. WE ARE BOUND TO
JUSTIFY OURS. WE MUST NOT SIMPLY LOOK FOR JUSTIFICATION OF OUR RESPEC-
TIVE VIEWPOINTS. WE MUST TRY TO MAKE A NEW WAR IMPOSSIBLE."
ZHUKOV SAID SOMETHING "LITTLE THING- FOR EXAMPLE- LIKE KGHOSHA
--ENDANGER PEACE." HE ADDED:
"THIS FEVER ACCLIMED OF THAT KIND WE HAVE- THE BETTER (CHANCE)
FOR PRESERVING PEACE."
ZHUKOV SAID IT WAS UNWISE TO THINK THE SOVIET UNION HAD
ANY AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS. HE SAID:
"IF WE HAD ANY SUCH INTENTIONS- THERE WERE FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR US TO ATTACK."
"FOR INSTANCE- AFTER THE DEFEAT OF HITLER- YOU KNOW HOW STRONG THE
SOVIET ARMY WAS AND HOW WEAK EUROPE WAS- INCLUDING ENGLAND.
BUT WE CONSIDERED WE SHOULD NOT BE OUR POLICY. EVEN LATER- WHEN
THE FORCES OF WESTERN EUROPE WERE STILL NOT VERY STRONG- WE DECIDED
SOVIET POLICY MUST BE FOR PEACE AND NOT PRECIPITATE WAR."
"THEREFORE- THOSE PEOPLE WHO TRY TO FRIGHTEN THE WESTERN PEOPLE
ABOUT SOVIET INTENTIONS MUST HAVE SOME OTHER MOTIVE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND
ME?"
HEARST SAID:
"I UNDERSTAND YOU BUT I DO NOT AGREE WITH YOU."
THIS CORRESPONDENT SAID WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND OTHERS FELT THAT DURING
THOSE YEARS OF MILITARY WEAKNESS IN THE WEST- AMERICA'S POSSESSION
OF THE ATOMIC BOMB HAD A BEARING ON THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE.
ZHUKOV SAID:
"YOU HAD TOO FEW BOMBS THEN TO HAVE HAD ANY BEARING ON THE MILITARY
SITUATION. YOU HAD ONLY FIVE OR SIX ATOMIC BOMBS IN THE UNITED
STATES AT THAT TIME." (MORE) 239APL 15

1147 ADD FOUR ZHUKOV COPYRIGHT (K.SMITH) MOSCOW X X X TIME."
CONNIFF SAID:
"YOU HAVE BETTER INFORMATION THAN WE DO ABOUT HOW MANY ATOMIC
BOMBS WE HAD THEN."
ZHUKOV SMILED:
"THAT WAS THE PERIOD WHEN DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC BOMBS WAS JUST
BEGINNING. ACCORDING TO OUR OWN EXPERIENCE- WE KNOW IT WAS A
DIFFICULT PROCESS."
HEARST BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BIG AIRCRAFT
CARRIERS IN MODERN WARFARE. HE MENTIONED THE NAME OF MAJ. ALEXANDER
P. SEVERSKY- POINTING OUT HE WAS A FORMER COUNTRYMAN OF ZHUKOV WHO
HAD BECOME ONE OF AMERICA'S LEADING EXPERTS ON AIR POWER.
HEARST SAID BOTH SEVERSKY AND BRITISH FIELD MARSHAL LORD MONTGOMERY
HAD EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT BIG AIRCRAFT CARRIERS WERE SCARCELY
NECESSARY SINCE RUSSIA APPARENTLY WAS NOT BUILDING ANY AIRCRAFT
CARRIERS- WHAT DID THE MARSHAL THINK?
ZHUKOV SAID- "I AM NOT A NAVY MAN-" AND ADDED WITH A SMILE:
"I DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR NAVY IS DOING. HOWEVER- I CONSIDER IN SOME
CIRCUMSTANCES AIRCRAFT CARRIERS COULD BE USED EFFECTIVELY."
HE THEN SAID HE HAD NOTED CAREFULLY SOME WRITTEN STATEMENTS BY
MONTGOMERY.
"SOMETIMES MONTGOMERY TALKS LIKE A GYPSY FORTUNE-TELLER. ONE CAN
SOMETIMES GO WRONG WITH FORTUNE-TELLING AND I DON'T THINK SOME OF
HIS STATEMENTS ARE BENEFICIAL TO HIS COUNTRY. THE TECHNOLOGY OF WARFARE
IS DEVELOPING SO RAPIDLY- IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE A FORECAST."
"ONE CAN ONLY GENERALIZE- FOR EXAMPLE- IN RESPECT TO AIRCRAFT
CARRIERS. THEY MIGHT BE USEFUL IN SOME AREAS AND NOT IN OTHERS."
HE POINTED OUT TO ZHUKOV THAT WESTERN MILITARY LEADERS- INCLUDING
GEN. GRUENTHER- HAD PUBLICLY SAID THEY FELT WESTERN EUROPE COULD NOT
BE MADE DEFENSIBLE WITHOUT A GERMAN MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.
HE ASKED ZHUKOV WHETHER IF HE WERE IN GRUENTHER'S POSITION- HE WOULD
FEEL THAT WAY TOO- IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT HE--ZHUKOV--KNEW ABOUT THE
FORCES THAT MIGHT OPPOSE THE ALLIED SUPREME COMMANDER IN EVENT OF
WAR. (MORE) 246APL 15

1148 ADD FIVE ZHUKOV COPYRIGHT (K.SMITH) MOSCOW X X OF WAR.
ZHUKOV PUT HIS FINGER TO HIS NOSE AND PRESSED IT HEAVILY
FOR A FEW SECONDS UNTIL HIS BROW SWEATED IN DEEP THOUGHT. THEN HE SAID:
"IF GEN. GRUENTHER KNOWS THE REAL INTENTIONS OF THE SIDE WHICH
HE CONSIDERS TO BE A POTENTIAL ENEMY- HE WOULD NOT TALK THAT WAY.
HE WOULD SPEAK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP- NOT ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THERE
WERE WAR."
ZHUKOV DID NOT SAY HE DISAGREED WITH GRUENTHER FROM A MILITARY
STANDPOINT. HE SIMPLY IMPLIED THAT IF GRUENTHER WERE CONVINCED THERE
WOULD BE NO WAR- THEN THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR A GERMAN CONTRIBUTION
TO ALLIED DEFENSE.
HE THANKED THE MARSHAL FOR THE TIME HE HAD GIVEN US AND FOR HIS
FRANKNESS AND FRIENDLINESS.
ZHUKOV SMILED BROADLY AND SHOOK EACH OF US WARMLY BY THE HAND. HE
SAID:
"THIS MEETING HAS REMINDED ME OF OUR WARTIME VICTORY DAYS."
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